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7 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
8 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
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10 In re:

11 EAGAN AVENATTI, LLP.  
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CASE NO.: 8:18-cv-01644-VAP-KES

**NOTICE OF BANKRUPTCY  
FILING**

1 **TO THE COURT AND TO ALL PARTIES IN INTEREST:**

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3 **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that in order to ensure the proper and orderly  
4 distribution of assets from The Trial Group (f/k/a Eagan Avenatti, LLP), as well as  
5 prevent a particular creditor from improperly leveraging their position to do permanent  
6 and irreversible harm to the ability of other creditors to be paid, on March 7, 2019  
7 defendant/debtor The Trial Group (f/k/a Eagan Avenatti, LLP), filed a voluntary petition  
8 for relief under title 11 of the United States Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court,  
9 Central District of California, Santa Ana Division, bearing Case 8:19-bk-10822. A true  
10 and correct copy of the verification of chapter 11 filing is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"  
11 and incorporated herein by reference.

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13 **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(a), the  
14 filing of the petition operates as a stay of, among other things, (i) the commencement or  
15 continuation of any action or proceeding against the debtor that was commenced before  
16 the commencement of the chapter 11 case, or to recover a claim against the debtor that  
17 arose before the commencement of the chapter 11 case, (ii) the enforcement, against the  
18 debtor or against property of the estate, of a judgment obtained before the commencement  
19 of the chapter 11 case, *including the taking of any debtor examination relating*  
20 *thereto* (iii) any act to obtain possession of property from the estate or to exercise control  
21 over property of the estate, (iv) any act to create, perfect or enforce any lien against  
22 property of the estate, (v) any act to create, perfect, or enforce against property of the  
23 debtor any lien to the extent that such lien secures a claim that arose before the  
24 commencement of the chapter 11 case, and (vi) any act to collect, assess or recover a  
25 claim against the debtor that arose before the commencement of the chapter 11 case.

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27 **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that acts taken in violation of 11 U.S.C. §  
28 362 are null and void and actual damages, including costs and attorneys' fees and, in

1 appropriate circumstances, punitive damages, may be recovered against violators of the  
2 automatic stay.

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4 Dated: March 7, 2019

By: /s/ Michael J. Avenatti  
Michael J. Avenatti  
Attorney for Eagan Avenatti, LLP and  
Michael J. Avenatti

**EXHIBIT A**

Fill in this information to identify the case:

United States Bankruptcy Court for the:

Central District of California  
(State)

Case number (if known): Chapter 11

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

## Official Form 201

## Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write the debtor's name and the case number (if known). For more information, a separate document, *Instructions for Bankruptcy Forms for Non-Individuals*, is available.

1. Debtor's name The Trial Group, LLP

2. All other names debtor used in the last 8 years  
Include any assumed names, trade names, and doing business as names

Trial Group; TRG, LLP  
EA, LLP; EOA Law  
Eagan O'Malley & Avenatti, LLP  
Eagan Avenatti, LLP

3. Debtor's federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) 32-0210824

4. Debtor's address

<p>Principal place of business</p> <p><u>1910 Sunset Boulevard</u> Number Street</p> <p><u>Suite 450</u></p> <p><u>Los Angeles, CA 90026</u> City State ZIP Code</p> <p><u>Los Angeles</u> County</p>	<p>Mailing address, if different from principal place of business</p> <p>_____ Number Street</p> <p>_____ P.O. Box</p> <p>_____ City State ZIP Code</p> <p>Location of principal assets, if different from principal place of business</p> <p>_____ Number Street</p> <p>_____ City State ZIP Code</p>
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5. Debtor's website (URL) Not Applicable

6. Type of debtor

☒ Corporation (including Limited Liability Company (LLC) and Limited Liability Partnership (LLP))

☐ Partnership (excluding LLP)

☐ Other. Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Debtor The Trial Group, LLP Case number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

7. Describe debtor's business

A. Check one:

- ☐ Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))  
☐ Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))  
☐ Railroad (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(44))  
☐ Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))  
☐ Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))  
☐ Clearing Bank (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 781(3))  
☒ None of the above

B. Check all that apply:

- ☐ Tax-exempt entity (as described in 26 U.S.C. § 501)  
☐ Investment company, including hedge fund or pooled investment vehicle (as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 80a-3)  
☐ Investment advisor (as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 80b-2(a)(11))

C. NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) 4-digit code that best describes debtor. See <http://www.naics.com/search/>.

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8. Under which chapter of the Bankruptcy Code is the debtor filing?

Check one:

- ☐ Chapter 7  
☐ Chapter 9  
☒ Chapter 11.

Check all that apply:

- ☐ Debtor's aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to insiders or affiliates) are less than \$2,566,050 (amount subject to adjustment on 4/01/19 and every 3 years after that).  
☐ The debtor is a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). If the debtor is a small business debtor, attach the most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if all of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. § 1116(1)(B).  
☐ A plan is being filed with this petition.  
☐ Acceptances of the plan were solicited prepetition from one or more classes of creditors, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1126(b).  
☐ The debtor is required to file periodic reports (for example, 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission according to § 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. File the Attachment to Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy under Chapter 11 (Official Form 201A) with this form.  
☐ The debtor is a shell company as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Rule 12b-2.

☐ Chapter 12

9. Were prior bankruptcy cases filed by or against the debtor within the last 8 years?

☐ No

☒ Yes. District Central California When 03/01/2017 Case number 8:17-bk-11961-CB  
MM / DD / YYYY

If more than 2 cases, attach a separate list.

District \_\_\_\_\_ When \_\_\_\_\_ Case number \_\_\_\_\_  
MM / DD / YYYY

10. Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a business partner or an affiliate of the debtor?

☒ No

☐ Yes. Debtor \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
District \_\_\_\_\_ When \_\_\_\_\_  
Case number, if known \_\_\_\_\_  
MM / DD / YYYY

List all cases. If more than 1, attach a separate list.

Debtor The Trial Group, LLP Case number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

11. Why is the case filed in this district?

Check all that apply:

- ☒ Debtor has had its domicile, principal place of business, or principal assets in this district for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other district.
- ☐ A bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership is pending in this district.

12. Does the debtor own or have possession of any real property or personal property that needs immediate attention?

- ☒ No
- ☐ Yes. Answer below for each property that needs immediate attention. Attach additional sheets if needed.

Why does the property need immediate attention? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ It poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable hazard to public health or safety.  
What is the hazard? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ It needs to be physically secured or protected from the weather.
- ☐ It includes perishable goods or assets that could quickly deteriorate or lose value without attention (for example, livestock, seasonal goods, meat, dairy, produce, or securities-related assets or other options).
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Where is the property? \_\_\_\_\_

Number Street

City

State

ZIP Code

Is the property insured?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes. Insurance agency \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Statistical and administrative information

13. Debtor's estimation of available funds

Check one:

- ☒ Funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors.
- ☐ After any administrative expenses are paid, no funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors.

14. Estimated number of creditors

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-49 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000-5,000   | <input type="checkbox"/> 25,001-50,000     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 50-99           | <input type="checkbox"/> 5,001-10,000  | <input type="checkbox"/> 50,001-100,000    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 100-199         | <input type="checkbox"/> 10,001-25,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 100,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 200-999         |  |  |

15. Estimated assets

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0-\$50,000          | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001-\$10 million             | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001-\$1 billion     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001-\$100,000    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001-\$50 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001-\$10 billion  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001-\$500,000   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001-\$100 million           | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001-\$50 billion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001-\$1 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001-\$500 million          | <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion        |

Debtor The Trial Group, LLP Case number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

16. Estimated liabilities

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0-\$50,000          | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001-\$10 million             | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001-\$1 billion     |
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**Request for Relief, Declaration, and Signatures**

**WARNING —** Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime. Making a false statement in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

17. Declaration and signature of authorized representative of debtor

- ☐ The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.
- ☐ I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.
- ☐ I have examined the information in this petition and have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 03/07/2019  
MM / DD / YYYY

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Signature of authorized representative of debtor

Michael J. Avenatti

Printed name

Title Attorney

18. Signature of attorney

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Signature of attorney for debtor

Date 03/07/2019  
MM / DD / YYYY

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